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This memorandum documents the release of version 5.0 of the 2020 Census Operational Plan. The purpose of the 2020 Census is to conduct a census of population and housing and disseminate the results to the President, the states, and the American people. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place. The purpose of the 2020 Census Operational Plan is to provide the background information that supports evidence-based decision making in the design of the 2020 Census. This version 5.0 of the 2020 Census Operational Plan provides the final implemented design of the 2020 Census. Updates to this document are primarily focused on operational updates in Chapter 5, summarized as changes to the planned operation. Changes may have resulted from further operational development or refinement since publication of the v4.0 2020 Census Operational Plan in early 2019 or from a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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